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CLASS : Geaveyard.

--- THE GRAVEYARD OF JOHN TOPPING ---

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1. SUBJECT:

The Graveyard of John Topping.

2. LOCATION:

Messick, Virginia, 1 mile on Route #606, east side .33 1/3 mile on land belonging to Clarence Johnson.

3. DATE:

About 1860.

4. OWNER:

Clarence Johnson, present owner.

5. DESCRIPTION:

This graveyard is just a small square, covered with honeysuckles and vines and some trees. The older graves are not marked and have no dates. The earliest found is 1865.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

It was a burying ground only for family purposes. Mr. George Hubbard and Mr. Clarence Johnson, the present owner, objected to any other persons being buried here. Mrs. George Hubbard, who is the daughter of John Topping by his third marriage, and is hoping to to get the consent of the owner before she dies to be buried here. She is now eighty years of age. It is not definitely known how old this graveyard is, but is known to be very old.

7. ART:

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informant: Mrs. Susan Hubbard, Messick, Virginia.

Tombstone and graveyard.

Visit by worker.